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TELEGRAMS.

RECOGNITION OF CHINA.

DEBATE IN THE REICHSTAG.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 15.

In the Reichstag, Prince Loewenstein urged that Germany should take advantage of the political events in China to exercise cultural and commercial influence there as Britain and America were already doing through schools and trade. Germany ought not, he declared, to wait too long before recognising the Republic.

Baron Richthofen said Germany must strive to secure the open door in China.

Herr von Jagow, Foreign Minister, replied that Germany, as an old friend of China, greeted the new era with best wishes. He added that the recognition of the Republic had nothing to do with the loan question and stated that, as soon as the first real President had been elected, Germany would go further into the question of recognition. Above all, a reasonable financial policy must be pursued. He was confident that the German commercial world would overcome the crisis due to the general stagnation of business before and during the Revolution.

OBITUARY.

HERR CARL HAGENBECK.

London, April 15.
The death is announced of Herr Carl Hagenbeck, at the age of 63 years.

[Deceased was the senior partner of the largest animal business in the world, and of Hagenbeck's Tierpark at Stellingen, near Hamburg. His father commenced the animal business with a few seals in 1843, and deceased had to take over its management when not quite 15 years of age with a capital of \$120. He got the business from his father when 21 years old, and the enterprise grew to such an extent that deceased eventually owned more than £30,000 worth of livestock, trained and untrained. He was the recipient of many decorations from Germany, Britain, France and other countries.]

Professor John Westlake.

London, April 16.
The death is announced of Professor John Westlake, K.C., LL.D.

[The deceased was born at Lostwithiel, Cornwall, on February 5th, 1828, and was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he obtained his B.A. degree in 1850. He was Sixth Wrangler, and sixth in first-class Classical Tripos. He was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1874, and twenty years later was made Q. C. and Banister of Lincoln's Inn. In 1877 he was made Honorary LL.D. of Edinburgh, and Hon. D. O. L. of Oxford in 1908. In 1885 he was Liberal M. P. for the Rufford Division of Essex. Deceased was a noted authority on International Law, and from 1888 to 1908 was Professor of International Law at Cambridge University. From 1900 to 1906 he was one of the members for the United Kingdom of the International Court of Arbitration under the Hague Convention. He was Hon. President of the Institute of International Law, and was the recipient of Italian and Japanese Orders.]

BANK OF ENGLAND.

London, April 16.
Mr. Walter Cunliffe has been appointed Governor of the Bank of England and Mr. Robert L. Newman Deputy Governor.

TELEGRAMS.

THE BELGIAN STRIKE.

PROCEEDING QUIETLY.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 15.

The Belgian strike is proceeding with perfect orderliness. Up to the present there has been one case of sabotage, which occurred at a leather factory.

It seems that the strike is not only a battle between labour and capital but also to a great extent industrial Wallonia against the ultra-Catholic and Conservative Flemish districts.

Quarter of Million Strikers.

Later.
A quarter-million Belgian workers have struck work, whereas the Socialists anticipated the number would be nearly half a million.

Both sides claim the advantage. The Clerical newspapers describe the strike as a complete fiasco. Everything continues orderly.

KING ALFONSO.

HIS GALLANTRY ADMIRER.

London, April 15.

Reuter's correspondent at Madrid wires that the gallantry and coolness of King Alfonso in the recent attempt on his life has appealed most strongly to the chivalrous Spanish, who recall that he displayed the same qualities in the two previous attempts made on his life.

The affair has greatly increased the King's popularity among all classes.

AIRSHIPS FOR BRITAIN.

ADMIRALTY NEGOTIATING.

London, April 14.

The "Daily Telegraph" states that the Admiralty is negotiating with three leading ship-building firms with a view to beginning the early construction of airships for service with the Navy.

EVERYTHING DONE.

Judgment Against Chinese in Chicago.

Sitting in the Original Court this morning, the case was heard by the Chief Justice, Sir W. Rees Davies, in which the Kwong Hong Firm of 93 Connaught Road West were the plaintiffs, and Chan K. Hing, alias Chow Gah Hong, alias Chow Lan Po trading as, or a partner in the firm, Tin Chun Lo, and trading as, or partner in the Joy Hing Lo firm, 204 Straits Street, Chicago, a restaurant keeper, was the defendant.

The claim was to recover the sum of \$4,594.38 being balance of account for price of goods sold and delivered, and for interest agreed to be paid by the defendant to the plaintiff, on balance remaining due in respect of each shipment of goods, at the expiration of one month from the date of such shipment at the rate of 1 per cent per month.

Mr. F. O. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, appeared for the plaintiff, but the defendant put in no appearance, nor was he represented.

Mr. Jenkin said the procedure was this: there was an application on August 30 of last year, for leave to serve notice of writ out of the jurisdiction; and affidavits by the plaintiff in support of that were filed. Leave was granted and then there was an application for the issue of a writ of foreign attachment, plaintiff entering into a bond of \$9,000, his claim being \$4,500 odd. There was a memorial entered against the Inland List of which the defendant was owner, and a notice of that was published twice in the Government Gazette, and the local papers. He believed everything had been done.

A member in the plaintiff firm proved the debt, and judgment was given for the plaintiff.

TELEGRAMS.

SUFFRAGIST OUTRAGE.

M.P.'S RESIDENCE BURNED.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 16.

Suffragists have burned the residence at St. Leonard's of Mr. A. P. Du Cros, Unionist M. P. for Hastings.

The damage is estimated at £8,000.

IMPERIAL COURT.

AN IMPORTANT MEASURE.

London, April 16.

The House of Lords has passed for second reading the Appellate Jurisdiction Bill, which increases the number of Law Lords from four to six, as a first step to give effect to the resolution passed at the Imperial Conference, recommending the addition of two English Judges and that the Court sit successively in the House of Lords for United Kingdom Appeals, and in the Privy Council for Colonial Appeals.

THE MEXICAN REBELS.

OUTRAGE ON ENGLISHMAN.

London, April 15.

A message from New York states that the Mexican rebels entered Damming Camp, on the Conchos River, demanded a sum of \$25,000 and threatened the English engineers if the money was not forthcoming.

They tied the English manager on a donkey, declaring they would haul both down the mountain-side. Eventually they accepted a ransom of \$10,000 and then looted the homes of foreigners.

A QUESTION OF FACT.

Application for Leave to Appeal Granted.

This morning the Chief Justice Sir William Rees Davies, and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Kemp, sitting in appellate jurisdiction heard an application in the matter in which the Kwong Hong Firm are the appellants and Chan Wo the respondent. The application was that leave should be given to appeal against the judgment of Mr. Justice Kemp, delivered on April 9 in the original case on the ground that such decision or judgment was erroneous in point of fact, and contrary to the weight of evidence given at the trial.

Mr. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Leo D'Almada a Castro, appeared in support of the application.

Counsel said that judgment was given for the plaintiff, and the defendant was asking for leave to appeal. The point in the case was that the defendant had engaged Chan Wo to remove a large quantity of earth from one part of the Colony to another, and the contract stated that the remuneration for removing the earth was at the rate of \$8 for 100 baskets. The earth was tallied in piculs and not in baskets, and the tally result was that 13,477 piculs were carried, and the whole dispute before the Puisne Judge, was as to whether or not a picul in the case of earth meant a basket, or whether it meant two baskets. The plaintiff, having carried 13,000 piculs odd, said a picul was two baskets and was therefore entitled to twice what had been paid.

The Chief Justice:—Is there any question of law?

Mr. Jenkin:—There is no question of law.

The Chief Justice:—Purely facts upon what I might say is expert evidence. A decision of this sort is rather far-reaching.

The application for leave to appeal was granted.

TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKAN CRISIS.

AN ARMISTICE CONCLUDED.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 15.

An armistice of ten days between Turkey and the Balkan States has been concluded.

Premature.

London, April 16.

A message from Constantinople states that the report of the conclusion of an armistice is premature. But there are good grounds for believing that the Turco-Bulgarian commanders have already broached the question and that some form of truce has already been decided on, which is expected to be the precursor of a definite suspension of hostilities.

THE POPE.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.

London, April 16.

His Holiness the Pope is making satisfactory progress.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

An American Paper on Royalty and Sweethearting.

"The Prince of Wales, who until quite recently, in contrast to his vivacious brother, Prince Albert, has always been a model boy and never given his mother a moment's trouble, has begun to be a source of great anxiety to the Queen." So writes the London Correspondent of an American periodical; and he continues: "Always of a quiet, romantic and dreaming nature, the young Prince of Wales has now become exceedingly susceptible to the charms of young women, and it is feared that he may fall seriously in love with some young person whom he cannot possibly marry, the more so as he has said that he would prefer a sweet womanly natural girl to any Royal Princess."

"Ever since the Prince of Wales began his college career Prince Albert has been teasing him with the fact that he will not be permitted to choose his own bride and has sent him newspaper clippings about all the Princesses whose names have been linked with his in public gossip. The result is that the Prince of Wales has begun to brood over the forbidden subject of love, and if not strictly watched he would undoubtedly fall an easy victim to some girlish charmer. Towards the autumn the Prince is to be abroad for a visit to Germany, and although it was originally intended that he should travel untrammelled by the watchful eye, Queen Mary has now made up her mind to accompany him, lest something should happen to him."

"What the Queen fears most is a ball which is to be given in Berlin by the Kaiser on September 13, when his daughter, Princess Victoria Louise, shall reach her majority, when it is intended to gather at the imperial palace all the most beautiful girls of Germany."

"It is hardly to be wondered at that Queen Mary does not feel like exposing her favourite son undefended and alone to the dangerous fire of so many beautiful girl's eyes, especially as she knows that Crown Princess Cecilie will be very apt to teach him that absolute obedience to parental wishes belongs to the past and that nothing is as effective in conquering opposition as a fait accompli, reminding him that she won her Wilhelm very much against the wishes of the Kaiser and that neither she nor her husband have regretted what they did for one single moment."

TELEGRAMS.

THE BOMB INCIDENT.

SUFFRAGISTS SUSPECTED.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 15.

Fatpins found at the Bank of England point to the bomb having been placed there by suffragists, owing to whose suspected designs extra police have been stationed at the Bank lately. The police think that the bomb would have done little damage, though it might have seriously injured any persons in the neighbourhood when it exploded.

KID MCCOY.

Famous Pugilist to Become Evangelist.

Norman Selby, best known as "Kid McCoy" of the prize ring, is to become an evangelist. He will preach the Gospel of Health from the public forums which the social centre movement aims to establish in the public school houses outside of school hours, says a contemporary.

A campaign has been started by Mrs. David Kirk, widow of a Pittsburgh millionaire, to have the buildings utilized in this way. She is receiving encouragement from the board of education.

He said that his determination to forget his career as pugilist and saloon-keeper and become an evangelist was the result of reading a New York American editorial telling how five thousand human beings die needlessly every year.

"I made up my mind that I would do what I could to promote national living and uplift humanity," he said. "First of all I want to teach people that health is the centre of everything worth while. It is that harmonious condition of the body and mind which enables the physical organs to perform their functions properly."

"I believe in love and kindness but I don't believe in turning your cheek to receive a wallop after getting the first one. Protect yourself."

"Treat your fellow-man as a brother and as you would like to have your brothers treated. And treat women in the same way—treat them as sisters or mothers. That is what I mean by love and kindness."

Asked if he held any theory as to the future state of man that he might discuss in his lectures, Selby said:—

"Just as all streams and rivulets flow finally down to mother ocean, so I believe that the spirits of mankind flow ultimately to the Father Spirit and gather about Him."

THE BOXER INDEMNITY.

Peking, April 10.—The International Reform Bureau has telegraphed to Washington, urging the new Government to propose to the Powers the postponement of Boxer Indemnity payments for two years. Unfortunately the proposition comes too late, for America has lost all influence with the Powers principally interested in the indemnity, owing to her sudden retirement from the international concert relative to Chinese affairs.—"N. China Daily News."

Armed Robbery in the F.M.S. Penang, April 5.—News has been received of a daring outrage by Chinese armed robbers at a kampong adjoining Guernsey estate, Sitawan. They entered a Malay house, and made a murderous attack on the family, whose shouts for help attracted Mr. Boomgard of Guernsey estate, and his son. When these appeared, the robbers decamped. Several inmates of the house were badly wounded. The police are enquiring but no arrests have yet been made.—"Straits Times."

TELEGRAMS.

PENDING BY-ELECTIONS.

SIR S. SAMUEL ADOPTED.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 15.

Sir Samuel, who was unelected by reason of his firm's dealings with the Government of India, has been unanimously re-elected Liberal candidate for the White-chapel division of Tower Hamlets.

Shrewsbury Unionists' Choice.

London, April 15.

Alderman Lloyd has been adopted as Unionist candidate for Shrewsbury in succession to the late Sir Clement Hill. He favours Lord Roberts' scheme of national service.

A SERIOUS INCIDENT.

GERMANS MOBBED IN FRANCE.

London, April 15.

The German Ambassador in Paris has asked some explanations regarding a certain occurrence on Sunday at Nancy, when some Germans, wrongly supposed to be officers, are reported to have been mobbed and assaulted, being obliged to take refuge at the railway station.

The French Government has replied that they are awaiting an official report of the facts.

German Feeling.

London, April 16.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin states that on the opening of the Reichstag, Herr von Jagow, Foreign Minister, said should the reports concerning the Nancy incident be confirmed, it would be most regrettable and would furnish evidence of the influence of the Chauvinistic agitators and might influence the public mind as to the danger thereof.

The French Version.

Later.

Reuter's correspondent at Nancy states that official information shows that the Nancy incident is greatly exaggerated. Some students in the millinery (gallery?) of the Casino whistled and joked at three Germans with two ladies, then followed them to a cafe and then to the railway station, persisting in their pleasantries. The students were slightly excited and did not realise their bad taste.

THE BUDGET.

London, April 16.

The Budget will be introduced in the House of Commons on the 22nd inst.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

Professor John Westlake, LL.D., is dead.

The Pope is making satisfactory progress.

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The assassin of the late Mr. Sang is to be handed over to the Chinese Government.

The Kuomintang Party has majorities in both Houses of the new Chinese Parliament.

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Chinese affairs were discussed in the Reichstag, the Foreign Minister stating that recognition would be considered when the first real President is elected.

LOCAL.

The naval authorities are at present making a re-survey of the harbour.

Some interesting business is to be transacted at the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday.

The fortieth ordinary yearly meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton Limited was held to-day.

The forty-seventh ordinary yearly meeting of the China Traders Insurance Company, Limited, was held this afternoon.

Mr. R. O. Faithfull said to-day in the Police Court that it was the duty of police officers here and at home to secure convictions. The magistrate disagreed.

The Puisne Judge has decided to re-open the case in which Messrs W. R. Loyley and Co. are suing the Nam Mow firm over a deal in wood oil.

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TO-DAY.

Bijou 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.
Extraordinary General Meeting.
Royal Hongkong Golf Club.
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TO-MORROW.

Bijou 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.
Hongkong Schools Athletic Sports noon.
Legislative Council, 2.30.

Saturday April 19.
Annual Meeting Olympic Tennis Club.
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Daily Press.

Japanese Coast Trade
Restrictions.The matter, so far as Japan
herself is concerned, is further
complicated by the fact that there
are other countries like France
and America, where coasting
trade by foreign shipping is pro-
hibited; so that if Japan granted
rights to the British in consid-
eration of the unrestricted liberty
of Japanese ships to engage in
the coasting trade of Great
Britain and India, the other
Treaty Powers could claim
the same privileges in Japan
under the most-favoured-nation
clause. Mr. Harmsen's point was
that the conditions prevailing in
countries like France and America
were so different to those existing
in Japan that Japan could well
afford to make concessions to the
regular passenger liners calling
at Japanese ports, without injur-
ing her own interests. He pointed
out that the so-called coasting
trade of aliens—that is to say,
aliens engaged in that trade as a
business—had been practically
non-existent. All that Japan gains
by her prohibitory legislation is
the profit accruing to the railways
or Japanese steamers from the
denial to foreign steamers of the
right to transport passengers and
cargo between their regular ports
of call, which are Nagasaki,
Kobe and Yokohama. It is point-
ed out that the railways do not
offer corresponding comfort or
accommodation, and Japanese
passenger steamers are insuffi-
cient to satisfy all demands.

South China Morning Post.

China is Borrowing.

We shall be surprised to learn
that China will continue to
seriously contemplate any further
negotiations with the group, for
with the proposals which are
being made in America and on
the continent her perspicacious
statesmen must be convinced that
money can be found and advanced
on conditions mutually satisfac-
tory. From some viewpoints it
may be regrettable that independ-
ent syndicates should come to the
fore at this stage in opposition to
representative bankers who have
the sympathy and support of
their respective Governments;
from others it will be confessed
that a full and free use of the
financial market will give China
greater opportunities of getting
the best of terms for her com-
mercial development and expansion.
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to the Empire by the Canadian
Pacific Railway and those respon-
sible for its management, in the
enterprise which they have shown
not only in the development of
the Dominion of Canada, but in
the steamship service whereby the
Mother Country is linked to
Canada, and a connection made
between the dominions on
the Pacific. Two new vessels
for the Pacific service, recently
completed at the Fairfield Works;
the second, which has now been
launched, is the eighth con-
structed by the Fairfield Company
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achievement in naval architecture,
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safety, comfort, and economy.

Mr. Sercombe Smith.

According to the "Strait
Echo," Mr. Justice Sercombe
Smith, of the F.M.S. bench, and
late of Hongkong, goes on short
leave in the "near future." Mr.
Smith has, the paper understands,
been suffering from a liver com-
plaint for some time past.For a good solid meal a la
Carte or Table d'Hôte with
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GENERAL NEWS.

In Memory of Lieut. Bowers.
A meeting, convened by the director of the Indian Marine at Bombay, was recently held for the purpose of deciding what action should be taken to establish a memorial to the late Lieut. Bowers, R.I.M. A bronze tablet suitably inscribed will probably be placed in the St. George's Cathedral. A letter from Captain Scott to Mrs. Bowers, just before the last great work of the Antarctic Expedition, which commenced by stating how Capt. Scott valued the services of Lieut. Bowers, was read from the quarterdeck of every ship to the assembled companies.

A Romance of the Titanic.
From a meeting on board the ill-fated Titanic in April of last year come the marriage of Miss Helen Montypenny Newton to Mr. Karl Howell Bahr, lawyer and tennis player. They were made acquainted at sea, and when the Titanic struck the iceberg Mr. Bahr warned Miss Newton, her stepfather and her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leonard Beckwith, of their danger. After finding an almost empty lifeboat on the upper deck, Mr. Beckwith obtained permission from an officer to have Beckwith and Bahr enter it as crewmen, and both men worked with the crew until the Carpathia picked them up.

Novelist's Geography.
A story of the facility with which a certain English novelist avoided the consequences of a serious blunder is told in the "Book Monthly." The scene of his story was laid in India, and the author perpetrated the howler of making Bombay a port on the Eastern Coast of India, in Bengal. Not until the edition was printed was the mistake discovered, and rather than sacrifice the edition, which would have meant a considerable financial loss, the author, evidently of a humorous turn of mind, had a slip printed and inserted in each copy of the edition with the words: "It must be understood that for the purposes of this story, and this story only, Bombay is in Bengal."

Surnames for Siamese.
The Siamese Government Gazette contains a decree which comes into force on July 1, whereby Siamese are to be compelled to take surnames, or family names. It provides that the wife is to take the surname of her husband and that if a son has not the father's surname he must take that of the mother. Persons are forbidden to change their surnames when chosen without official permission and the decree orders the head of every household, i.e., the oldest living member of the family, to register the family name within six months. Families already possessed of surnames, must register the same and any head of a household not possessing one may choose any name except of Royalty or nobility given by the King, or a low or obscene word, or more than ten letters (Siamese) long. According to the decree two brothers may adopt the same surname and when a name is once chosen by the head of a household it must be used by all the children.

Conjuror's Tragic End.
"Di-ber-ti," the well-known music-hall conjuror and illusionist, shot himself in the nine o'clock Continental train at Charing Cross Station. About ten minutes before the train was timed to start a revolver shot was heard in a first-class lavatory on the train, and when the police made a search "Di-ber-ti" was discovered, shot through the heart. He was taken to Charing Cross Hospital, but was dead before being examined by a surgeon. "Di-ber-ti's" name in private life was Arthur Baber, and his wife, who was summoned to the hospital by the police, gave his age as thirty-three, and his address as German Artists' Club, Lisle Street, W. C. He had originally intended to leave London by the 2:10 p.m. train in the afternoon, and travel to Berlin by way of Ostend. It is stated that he had been suffering intensely lately from an internal complaint, and had been under treatment at the German Hospital. "Di-ber-ti" had lately been touring in the north of England but the week before he shot himself he appeared at the New Cross Empire.

SERVICE MATTERS.

Commander Cochrane, R.N.
Commander Archibald Cochrane, commanding the despatch vessel Alacrity, now on the way to the China Station to replace the old Alacrity, is a great grandson of the ninth Earl of Dundonald, who served in both the army and navy as was not uncommon in the long ago, and grand nephew of the tenth Earl, better known to fame as Admiral Lord Cochrane, who had such a brilliant career in the British fleet, and in the service of Brazil and other South American States.

War Office Thinking.

An amusing comment on the leisurely methods of the War Office was furnished in the House of Commons recently. Mr. Lane-Fox asked if there was any immediate prospect of the Army Council relieving officers of the burden of providing horse rugs for the horses of their units. Colonel Seely stated that the subject was still under consideration. "How much longer will it be considered?" retorted Mr. Lane-Fox. "Does the right hon. gentleman know that I got the same answer a year ago?" (Laughter.) Colonel Seely: We shall consider it until we come to a conclusion—(renewed laughter)—and I think we shall come to a conclusion very soon.

Airships and Naval Warfare.

A paper read last month before the Institution of Naval Architects by Baron A. Roenne dealt with modern airship construction. He said that both aeroplanes and airships had advantages for naval service, one for comparatively short flights and the other for more extended cruises. There was no visible limit to the growth of the rigid airship. It was on the same footing as an ordinary ship. If doubled in size, it would lift eight times more weight, and would possess eight times the buoyancy, but would only require four times the propelling power to move at the same speed. As regarded aeroplanes the case was rather different, and unless some more economical motor was found it did not look as if they would be able greatly to exceed continuous flights of 12 hours in the air, carrying only one man, who certainly would be unable to keep control and scout accurately for such a long period. If doubled in size, the resistance and weight of fuel carried was also doubled, as well as the horsepower required to move them at the same speed, and nothing was gained. For practical sea work the difficulty of finding their parent ship again in foggy regions like the British Isles would probably limit their use for long distance scouting. As the project to carry aeroplanes on board warships would no doubt be abandoned for many reasons, possibly four hours' endurance would be found sufficient, and the weight so saved could be utilized to provide more powerful wireless telegraphy or carry a larger supply of gunpowder for use against submarines, or an extra man for fighting in the air. For harbour defence, and for increasing the range of vision of ships by scouting, and probably for attacking submarines, they might be excellent; but for long-distance work, blockade work, or forcing a way through a screen of hostile aircraft, the airship must be employed. The airship bore to the aeroplane the same relation as a battle-cruiser to the torpedo boat. Building battleships, whilst not neglecting torpedo craft, had always been Great Britain's policy on the sea, and appeared to be Germany's policy in the air. The opinion prevailed that Germany with her Zeppelin was far in advance of other countries, but the truth was that the safety of these ships was not sufficient for serious purposes. Large airships must be built to ensure safe working, which was essential to success. Baron Roenne put forward proposals for an airship of a capacity of 87,000 cubic metres, which he claimed could be built as easily as the airships of Schwarz, Zeppelin, or Schutte. Such an airship would be equipped with engines of 2,000 h.p. equal to the power of two express locomotives.

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HOUSE OF LORDS REFORM.

We notice from latest Home advices that the age-worn question of the reform of the House of Lords has once again come into prominence in consequence of a statement made in Parliament by Mr. Asquith to the effect that a Cabinet Committee has the matter under consideration. The Prime Minister also added that he hoped the day would soon arrive when he would have the honour of proposing a plan which would reconstruct the Second Chamber and make it "a true, impartial, judicially-minded revising authority". Having in mind the political leanings of the author of these words, we may pass over the slur cast on the House as it is at present constituted. What would be interesting to know, however, is why, if the Chamber is so ill-fitted to perform its functions as Mr. Asquith would have us believe, there has been such a protracted delay in subjecting it to the process of reform? Two years ago the Parliament Act was passed, an Act whose preamble suggested early reform of the Upper Chamber. Yet to-day the House is constituted precisely as it has been for long years.

Passing that point also by, it is worth while considering the likely lines on which the coming measure of reform will proceed. The Postmaster-General, who is one of the members of the Cabinet Committee which has the matter in hand, recently declared that the Government proposals will have two characteristics—the new Second Chamber will contain "no vestige of the hereditary principle," and "under no circumstances will its absolute veto be restored." From what we can gather, it appears that a plan privately put forward by Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Churchill at the time of the Parliament Bill debates—a plan for a purely elective Second Chamber with 75 large constituencies returning two members each—is the basis of the official discussions which have been taking place. It is also probable that the proposals will substitute for the absolute veto a provision for joint sittings of the two Houses in case of disagreement, while Ministers may, as in France, be given the right of entry into both Chambers, irrespective of which they sit in.

It is a big question, this, and one of profound importance. Fortunately, all the parties are on common ground in recognising that the House of Lords as it is now constituted has had its day; the differences come in when the effort to improve it assumes definite shape. Anyhow, it is pre-eminently a matter on which the electorate should register its views, and for this reason we are glad to note that following the introduction of the Bill embodying its proposals, the Government will go to the country on it. The question has to be dealt with, and the sooner it is got out of the way, in order to allow legislative work to proceed on modern lines, the better.

America and the Newdigate.

No one who loves "the game"—fair field, no favour, and the best man winning—will grudge to the young American Oxford man, Mr. W. O. Greene, the distinction of having captured the Newdigate Prize for English verse. His triumph serves to illustrate the scarcely disputable fact that, whenever the American has taken seriously to literature, the Britisher has had to look to his laurels. Poe, Longfellow, Emerson, Whittier, Lowell, Wendell Holmes—not one of these has been excelled, in his own particular line, by Englishmen, and it is but rarely that they have even been equalled. Tennyson was longed for, a greater poet than Longfellow; but neither he nor Wordsworth could have written "Hiawatha"—much less "Evangeline"; and we greatly doubt if any of our great modern poets could have beaten—as a combination of extreme simplicity with unaffected pathos—Whittier's "Knight of St. John," "Barbara Frietchie" or "Maud Muller."

The Prince of Wales.

Appropos of Americans, that wondrous person the "London correspondent" of a United States journal is on the war-path again. This time he has discovered that the Prince of Wales is "ogling the girls," and he proceeds to pile on the agony about the "dangerous fire of so many beautiful girlie eyes," and more delicious balderdash of that sort. Why on earth can't he leave the boy alone? We know of no reason why Prince Edward, because he happens to be our future king, should be exempt from the inclinations or weaknesses common to humanity. Then why draw special attention to such matters in the public Press? Our friend also observes that the Prince "has begun to brood over the forbidden subject of love." Privately we don't believe that that "special" knows any more about the lad's doings or aspirations than any of our readers.

Want of Thought.

A matter which came under our notice the other evening deserves a word of comment. Hanging over the side of a police launch at Kowloon, and partially exposed to view, was the body of a drowned woman. A body taken from the water is never a pretty sight and this one came very near to being revolting. Passengers from steamers lying alongside, or visitors to these steamers, could not readily pass without seeing the body, and it seems to us that it might just as easily have been hung over the stern, where it would have been out of sight, or completely covered with a piece of canvas which is not a terribly expensive article. No doubt want of thought was at the bottom of the matter, but this is the kind of want of thought which may lead to most unfortunate results. To speak quite bluntly, the sight of such a body on a woman in a delicate condition of health might very well lead to serious consequences.

Hopes and Fears.

One cannot contemplate the situation at Peking at the present without experiencing distinctly mixed feelings. The pleasing side of the picture is that there is a marked eagerness, amounting to keen enthusiasm, being displayed by the new forces to begin the task of revivifying the country. A new political spirit has been born. But side by side with this development there has sprung into prominence a group of hard-brained political adventurers who, if they should happen to secure the ascendancy, will do irreparable harm to the nation. A special telegram to-day reports that the Kuomintang party has majorities in both Houses of the new parliament. This cannot be regarded as otherwise than regrettable; that is, if the party is to follow the extreme course, which the intemperate orations of its leaders in recent times appear to foretell. A careful steering of the ship of state is needed to-day in China more than ever it was. But if the extremists have their way we may look to see the craft wrecked and shattered on the rocks ahead.

DAY BY DAY.

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The Mails.

Siberian Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Ohenan this afternoon.

German Mail.—Due per s.s. Buelow to-day.

German Mail.—Despatched per s.s. Princess Alice at 10 a.m. to-day.

Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Buelow at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

April Sessions.

The April Criminal Sessions are due to commence on Friday. There is a fair sized list.

Unlicensed Opium Seller.

For selling opium without a licence, a Chinese was fined \$50, at the Police Court, this morning.

Gamblers.

Five men were fined \$3 each at the Police Court, this morning, for gambling in Second Street.

Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.

The annual meeting of shareholders in the above Company is to be held on May 3rd at noon.

Unlawful Possession.

A Chinese found in unlawful possession of brass at the Naval Yard, was fined \$10, at the Police Court, this morning.

The Pearl Case.

Further evidence was heard by Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court, this afternoon in the case of unlawful possession of \$1,500 worth of pearl ornaments.

Quarantine Regulations.

The Colonial Secretary's Department notifies us that quarantine regulations have been imposed in Order ports against vessels arriving from Hongkong.

Attempted Suicide.

A female jumped into the Harbour at West Point yesterday in an attempt to commit suicide. She was taken out of the water and conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Removed to Hospital.

A Chinese who was knocked down by an electric car in Connaught Road, Central, yesterday, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital, in an unconscious condition.

Jumped from a Scaffold.

A Chinese who jumped from a scaffolding in order to evade the police who were raiding a house in Second Street was badly injured that he was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Escape from Drowning.

A Chinese has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from the effects of accidentally falling into the water near the Yaumati Ferry. An Indian constable and some launch men got the man out and resuscitated him.

Voluntary Bathing.

Voluntary bathing at authorised places will be permitted for the troops in garrison from 21st inst. Non-commissioned officers and expert swimmers for duty at the A.S.C. cumber will be provided by the R.G.A. and 2nd Bn. D.O.L.I. in alternate weeks.

Qualifying for Promotion.

Lieutenants A. W. S. Gibson and F. L. Brown, R.E.; T. O. R. Archer, R.A.M.C.; S. M. Cockson, 21st Punjab; H. D. Drysdale, 26th Punjab; and G. F. H. Faithfull, 126th Baluchistan Infantry; have qualified in subject (c) for promotion to the rank of Captain.

Plague Cases.

Two more cases of plague have occurred this week, and both have ended fatally. A case on Monday was from health district No. 13, in a house on the Praya at Shaikwan, while one reported yesterday was also from No. 13 district. This was at a house in Sui Tong Road, Shaikwan. The total number of plague cases so far this year is 25.

Left for Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Potter were passengers on the s.s. Princess Alice for Home to-day. They will be absent from the Colony for about six months. Other passengers by the same boat were Mrs. Edkins, wife of Mr. G. T. Edkins of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, and two children, Lady Chatter, Mr. F. Heldt of Messrs. Carl Rodiker and Co., and Mr. and Mrs. Griffith of Canton.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited.

The fortieth ordinary meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton Limited was held to-day at noon at the offices of the company, when Mr. J. W. O. Bonnar presided. There were also present:—Messrs. F. Lieb, G. Friesland, J. A. Plummer, W. L. Pattenden, H. A. Siebs, S. H. Dodwell, P. H. Holyoak, directors, the secretary, the Hon. Mr. O. M. Ede, and Messrs. T. F. Hough, J. W. Taylor, Ho Fook, A. R. Lowe, F. Smythe, G. C. Moxon, E. Ormiston, O. H. P. Hay and L. Berindogae.

The secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the chairman said:—
Gentlemen:—The Report has been in your hands for over a fortnight, and I therefore propose to take it, as well as the Auditors' Report, as read.

The Premium Income, as will be seen on reference to the Working Account 1911, shows a considerable falling off. Shrinkage in business accounts for about a lakh of this, the balance being due to the higher rate of exchange at which sterling premium has been transposed into dollars this year as compared with last for the purpose of the published Report. As regards the shrinkage in Premium during the period under review, I have ascertained that our principal competitors have suffered in the same way, so that this is in fact the natural outcome of a smaller volume of trade being done and does not in any way reflect on our standard of efficiency. Interest shows a most satisfactory increase of \$40,000, while on the other side of the account Charges show a decrease of \$18,000.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, you will notice that our Reinsurance Fund continues to rise and now stands at \$204,000. This is a large amount, Gentlemen, but it is most important that this Fund should be built up. By this means not only do we increase our Interest Account more rapidly and thus ensure the continuity of our dividend, but we provide against any possible contingency. As my predecessors in office have previously told you, we have during the past few years done a large business in war risks, and although we have fortunately escaped heavy losses it is quite possible that this immunity may not continue, and as our Reinsurance Fund will be the first to be called upon in the event of the unexpected happening, it is only prudent, and in this I feel sure you will unanimously agree with me, to build it up for year.

On the credit side of the Balance Sheet you will notice that our sterling funds have been greatly augmented. This is as it should be, in view of the fact that a large percentage of our business is done in gold-using countries. The divisible balance for 1911 is \$362,012.01, but in view of the unrest in Europe and the feeling of insecurity in the East your Directors cannot yet see their way to recommend any increase in the dividend. They propose, therefore, to recommend the payment of the Final Dividend of \$20 per share, making \$50 in all for 1911, the transfer of \$25,000 to Sterling Reserve and the carrying forward of the balance to Underwriting Suspense Account.

Turning to 1912, despite the losses experienced in the earlier part of the year, the balance of Working Account of the 31st December last shows a satisfactory increase, and your Directors have no hesitation in recommending the payment of an interim Dividend of \$30 per share and a Bonus of 20 per cent on Contributory Premium.

Altogether, Gentlemen, the report before you is a very satisfactory one and you are to be congratulated. The results which have been put before you are ample testimony to the good work done by the whole staff, to whom we have voted a bonus of 15 per cent of a year's salary to the provident fund of each member, and I feel that all shareholders will approve of the Board's action. There being no questions the chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. Hough seconded and in doing so said:—Gentlemen, I rise to

second the adoption of the Report and Accounts. I have followed what you have said, Mr. Chairman, in explanation of the various items, notably your reference to the shrinkage of premium in the 1911 working. I do not think the falling off for that year has disturbed your shareholders very much and with the eloquent testimony supplied by the figures of the 1912 net premium—some seven lakhs odd over the previous year—I am sure they are quite satisfied that they are fully participating in the revival of trade which seems to have set in. I note that the Society continues to do business formerly in war risks; we leave this detail with every confidence in the discretion of our management, knowing full well the careful manner in which it has been conducted in the past, and I feel that when we meet again next year we will be able to congratulate them on results. Gentlemen, there can be only one feeling prevailing among shareholders to-day, and that is one of great satisfaction at the figures presented in these accounts. The able work done by our staff merits material appreciation, and I heartily endorse the action of the Board in voting a bonus of 15 per cent of a year's salary to the provident fund of each member. Gentlemen, with these remarks, I second the adoption of the Report and Accounts of the motion to adopt the report and accounts was carried.

On the motion of Mr. Ormiston, seconded by Mr. Moxon, Mr. W. L. Pattenden and Mr. J. W. O. Bonnar were re-elected to the directorate.
Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and A. R. Lowe were re-appointed auditors on the proposition of Mr. Smythe, seconded by Mr. Taylor. The Chairman:—That is all the business, gentlemen. I am much obliged for your attendance. Dividend warrants are now ready and may be had on application at the outer office.

China Traders Insurance Company, Limited.

The forty-seventh ordinary meeting of the China Traders Insurance Company Ltd., was held this afternoon at the offices of the company, when Mr. J. W. O. Bonnar presided. There were also present:—Messrs. H. A. Siebs, F. Lieb, G. Friesland, W. L. Pattenden, S. H. Dodwell, J. A. Plummer and P. H. Holyoak, directors, and the Hon. Mr. O. M. Ede, secretary, and Messrs. A. R. Lowe, C. H. P. Hay, R. F. Hall, F. Geddes, V. L. Remedios, A. E. S. Alves, and B. M. Cunha.

The secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the chairman said:—
Gentlemen:—The Report has been in your hands for some time, and I therefore propose to take it, as well as the Auditors' Report, as read.

Working Account 1911 shows a falling off in taking, which, however, is largely accounted for by the higher rate of exchange at which sterling has been converted into dollars this year as compared with last. Interest, however, shows a substantial increase. On the other side of the account Charges show a decrease, while Losses and Claims paid are materially less. The divisible balance showing a satisfactory increase over that of the previous year, your Directors propose to pay a Final Dividend of \$5 per share, making \$10 for the year, and to add \$10,000 to Reinsurance Fund carrying forward the balance to Underwriting Suspense Account. The Reinsurance Fund, with the addition just recommended, will stand at \$257,000, and your Directors are strongly of opinion that this Fund should, whenever possible, be built up.

As regards 1912, the figures are very satisfactory, the balance of working account being \$1,284,287.67, and as the outcome of the year promises to be favourable we have no hesitation in recommending the payment of an Interim Dividend of \$4 per share and a Bonus of 20 per cent on Contributory Premium.

There being no questions, the chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, and the motion, being seconded by Mr. Ede, was carried.
On the proposition of Mr. W. L. Pattenden and Mr. J. W. O. Bonnar were re-elected to the directorate.

Messrs. H. U. Jeffries and A. R. Lowe were re-appointed auditors on the motion of Mr. Geddes seconded by Mr. Cunha. The chairman:—That is all the business, gentlemen. I am much obliged to you for your attendance. Dividend warrants are now ready and can be had on application at the outer office.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council is to be held on Thursday. The following Resolution will be submitted by the Hon. Colonial Secretary: It is hereby resolved that a sum of Dollars Four hundred and thirty thousand and sixty-eight and Cents thirty (\$430,068.30) be advanced out of funds in the custody of the Government for the construction of the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section) during the year 1913.

The following second readings are on the orders of the day: an Ordinance to declare the terms and conditions applicable to loans authorised to be raised by the Government of Hongkong and to provide for the creation of Hongkong inscribed stock; an ordinance to make provision for raising a loan of two hundred and fifty thousand pounds sterling for the purposes of railway construction; an ordinance to amend the Offences against the Person Ordinance, 1865.

YUAN AND THE KUOMINTANG.

The "North China Daily News" correspondent at Peking has wired the following to his paper. It will be seen that it is an enlargement of the special wire which we published last Thursday. Peking, April 10.—It is stated here that the Kuomintang have presented an ultimatum to President Yuan Shih-kai, in which they demand that the Cabinet shall be composed solely of members of the Kuomintang as the price of their support of his candidature for the Presidency.

Failing the President's acceptance of these terms they state that they will publish evidence in their possession intimating the Government in the Shanghai assassination, and that they will impeach the President immediately the Assembly opens for business.

It is difficult to say how far the above is true. But it may be apposite to observe that an impeachment is next-door to impossible, in view of the fact that the opponents of the Kuomintang have only to abstain from attending the Assembly in order to prevent a quorum being available.

The formal meeting of the Assembly is deferred until April 14. Nominations for the two Speakerships will be made on the 12th and the elections will take place on the 14th.

HARBOUR SURVEY.

The naval authorities are at present undertaking a re-survey of Hongkong Harbour, soundings being taken daily by men detailed for the work in steam pinnaces.

The object is to re-check the existing Admiralty chart and to correct any differences which have occurred since the making of the last chart some years ago. The work is likely to be completed by the end of present month.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—
Ho Tung Esq. \$50

JAPANESE AS MONEY MAKERS.

The extent of Japanese industry in California is depicted in statistics made public in San Francisco in the annual report of the State Commissioner of Labour. According to this report, Japanese have investments in 2,548 mercantile establishments, amounting to \$4,075,228, and managed by 6,550 Japanese. This capital, the report shows, was "turned over" every three months, on an average, with an annual business of \$10,114,000. Japanese owned 12,726 acres of farm land, assessed at \$800,000 and city property assessed at \$235,000.

SPECIAL CABLES.

CHINESE PARLIAMENT.

KUOMINTANG MAJORITIES.

[Our Own Correspondent.]
Shanghai, April 16.
The Kuomintang Party has majorities in both Houses of the new Parliament.

MR. SUNG'S MURDER.

ASSASSIN TO BE HANDED OVER.

(Our Own Correspondent).
Shanghai, April 16.
The French authorities here have decided to deliver Mr. Sung's assassin, Woo Tok-ming, over to the Chinese Government.
It is understood that Lung Kwe-hsing, charged with instigating the murder, will also be handed over soon.

LOCAL SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

H. K. C. C. Tournament.
Last night's results in the above tournament are:—

Championship Singles.—Second Round: Major Bowen beat S. E. Green 5-7, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

Singles Handicap "A" Class.—First Round: S. H. Dodwell (scr.) beat C. O. Hickling (scr.) 6-1, 6-4; Second Round: Major Hunter (scr.) beat A. N. Joseland (scr.) 5-7, 10-8, 6-4.

Doubles Handicap.—First Round: C. E. H. Beavis and R. D. Stewart (own 2/6) beat M. R. Harris and R. F. C. Master (own 2/6) 1-6, 6-2, 6-3; Second Round: H. A. Nisbet and T. Maitland (own 3/0) beat H. Humphreys and D. E. Clarke (own 4/6) 6-2, 6-4.

Professional Pairs.—Second Round: R. F. C. Master and G. A. Hastings beat Dr. F. G. G. and Dr. G. E. Aubrey 6-2, 1-6, 6-3.

Singles Handicap "B" Class.—Second Round: G. Miskin (scr.) beat Capt. R. J. Clarke (own 5/6) 6-2, 6-4; A. H. Crook (own 15) beat Rev. Foster Pegg (scr.) 6-4, 6-3. Third Round: Lieut. J. O. Beattie (own 3/6) beat D. Walker (scr.) 6-3, 6-2.

To-night's Ties.

To-night's ties are as follow:—
Captain Crawford and Captain James meet R. P. Thursfield and W. N. Lowe in the doubles handicap.

E. Hancock and R. D. Stewart meet C. E. H. Beavis and M. R. Harris in the professional pairs.
Dr. Aubrey meets H. Hancock.
J. B. Penman meets Capt. Atkins, and L. le Breton meets A. N. Joseland in the championship competition.

A. H. Crook meets D. E. Clarke in the "B" Class Singles.

BILLIARDS.

Soldiers Club Tournament.
The third round in the Soldiers' Club Billiard Tournament was commenced yesterday at a very fair attendance. The teams were the 87th R.G.A. and the "A" team of the R.E.s. As a result the R.E.s are at a slight disadvantage in total of points scored, though the honours of the games were even. Gunner Quinn of the R.G.A. lost to Corporal Walden by 14 points in the game of 200 up, but Gunner Pitt of the same company beat S. M. Morgan rather badly, scoring 200 while his opponent only managed to reach 114. The best breaks of the evening were Gunner Pitt 25 and Corporal Walden 21.

SHIPBUILDER SUED.

In the Summary Court before Mr. Justice Kemp, Chan Luk Koo, of 149 Queen's Road West, brought an action against Keung Cheung, shipbuilder, claiming the sum of \$250 advanced by the plaintiff to Lo Ho, the wife of the defendant (whom it was alleged he had deserted), and applied for her in the purchase of necessities.
Mr. Davidson of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. R. O. Faithfull for the defendant.
The case was proceeding as we went to press.

SATURDAY'S GYMKHANA.

Entries for the Events.

Following are the entries for the first meeting of the Hongkong Gymkhana Club for this season which will be held at Happy Valley on Saturday.

For non-winning Subscription Grifflins of the Season 1912-1913. Weight for inches as per scale. Unplaced runners allowed 3 lbs. Jockeys who have not won more than one Official Race in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 3 lbs. Jockeys who have won 3 or more Official Races in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin penalised 4 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$100 2nd Prize: \$50 3rd Prize: \$25.

Mr. S. H. Michael's, The Darglar, 152 lbs.
Mr. Blank's, Bictian (late Baktiari Chief) 152 lbs.

Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's, Silverton II, 152 lbs.

Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's, Greylag, 152 lbs.

Mr. Bratton's, Flirt, 149 lbs.

Mr. Norman's, Edgell, 149 lbs.

3.50 p.m.—Gymkhana Stakes.—Value \$200. Distance One Mile.

For all China Ponies. Catch weights at 10 at 6 lbs. Winners of an open race or open Griffin race of Ponies that have won the aggregate prize in the Gymkhana Stakes in any season 5 lb. extra. Non-winning Subscription Grifflins allowed 5 lbs. Jockeys who have not won more than one Official Race in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 3 lbs. Jockeys who have won 3 or more Official Races in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin penalised 4 lbs.

A Cup to be run for five times called the Gymkhana Cup will be presented at the end of the Season to be won by the Pony scoring most marks in the races for the Gymkhana Meetings during the Season, counting 4 points for a first; 2 for a second; and 1 for a third. The benefit of marks already scored to pass with the Pony on a sale. Any winner of the race to carry 5 lbs. extra for each win in subsequent starts for the race, but in the event of a Pony carrying the penalty not winning, 2 lbs. to be deducted next time he starts. Such 2 lbs. to remain deducted until he wins again when he will carry the full penalties without deduction. Penalties accumulative up to 15 lbs. In the event of two or more Ponies tying with the same number of marks after five races have been run the owners shall either divide the value of the Cup which is hereby placed at \$400 or shall run off on a day to be fixed by the Committee not being the same day as the last race for the Stakes but within two weeks thereafter. In the event of a run off the weights shall be weight for inches as per scale; Jockey penalties and allowances to apply. Entrance fee \$5. 2nd Prize: \$75. 3rd Prize: \$30.

Mr. H. P. White's Clerio, lbs. 151.

Major Dickinson's Farnous lbs. 151.

Mr. Bratton's Joss Mighty lbs. 151.

Mr. Blade's Jamboloni, lbs. 151.

Mr. V. d'Oettingen's Floreal lbs. 151.

Mr. Billiard's Miss-in-bank, lbs. 146.

Mr. Norman's Revenue, lbs. 146.

Mr. Sedgwick's Sweet William lbs. 146.

Mr. O. Stewart Donald Dhu lbs. 146.

Mr. D. Landale's Ben Wyri II, lbs. 146.

Mr. Gilpin's Sir Acalon, lbs. 146.

Mr. G. Friesland's Burford lbs. 146.

4.10 p.m.—Tent Pegging in Pairs.—Two runs. Competitors must be mounted on China Ponies. Two small cups to be presented to the winning pair at each competition and at the conclusion of the Season a Trophy will be given to the Pair scoring the highest aggregate of points at all meetings included. To be provided for sickness or absence from the Colony a new member may be introduced into a Pair in one competition but not more. In (Continued on page 10).

"WHAT POLICEMAN DO."

Lawyer on the Training of Constables.

Sergeant Willis on the morning of February 27, paid a visit to the a.s. Feang Bee which was bound for Amoy, Swatow and Singapore, and arrested four women and a man who, he believed, were in charge of eight girls who, it was supposed, were being taken to Singapore and the Straits, for the purposes of prostitution. Three of the women have been convicted, one being sent to gaol for three months, the second for one month and the third, who was supposed to have sold one of the girls, was sent to gaol for six weeks.

Many documents connected with the procuring of girls were seized, and were translated by Mr. Lloyd, the Assistant Registrar General.

Generous Relatives.

At the Police Court, this morning before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, a fourth woman was charged in connection with the affair. Mr. Woodcock, Acting Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. R. C. Faithfull defended.

In the course of her evidence defendant said "I have had sight. I cannot hear" (laughter). She further stated that she was a widow residing in Canton and worked as a servant. Her relatives sent her food sometimes. The \$30 with which she came to Yau-mat was also given her by friends and relatives when she told them she wanted to go to Amoy to find her nephew. She accounted for the clothing of one of the girls being in her box by stating that the girl was very young and she was looking after them for her.

Another witness for the defence said she knew the defendant from the time when she (witness) was a girl and she knew the defendant to be a thoroughly respectable girl. Later, she said she was not surprised when she heard she was charged with so serious an offence as that of procuring.

"Duty" of Police Officers.
Mr. Faithfull said, in addressing his Worship, that unless the prosecution produced evidence outside that of prostitutes who came to the Court and, brazen and unabashed, spoke of the "paying game" of prostitution, he felt that his Worship, like himself, would come to the conclusion that the evidence was not to his satisfaction. The woman came here charged with a most loathsome offence, was well on in years and, it being her first time in a Court, she felt very much the effect of her surroundings. For all that, she had given her evidence in a manner that indicated that she was anxious to tell the truth. He had not a word to say against Sergeant Willis. He was a very assiduous officer, but it was his duty to get a conviction and he was there for that purpose.

His Worship:—No; to put the matter before the Court.

Mr. Faithfull:—I say it is the duty of every police officer during his time in the police force to get all the convictions he can; it is the same with the police in London and here. When a man has been in the police force a short time and he has not arrested anyone, he is asked why he has not run anyone in, and if he says he did not see anyone to run, in he is told that if he does not find someone there is a red mark going against him. His Worship:—I am afraid you are mistaken.

Mr. Faithfull:—Perhaps I am your Worship, but I hope I am not misguided.

Defendant was sentenced to six weeks.

Heavood Output.

The output of tin from Heavood estate for March was 322 piculs, of which 100 piculs were mined by the company, and 222 by tributaries. The estimated gross receipts, including tribute, are \$3,902; and the mining costs \$4,600, leaving an estimated profit of \$4,302.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The P. M. s.s. Korea, will leave this port at 1 p.m. on the 22nd inst. for San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan Ports and Honolulu.



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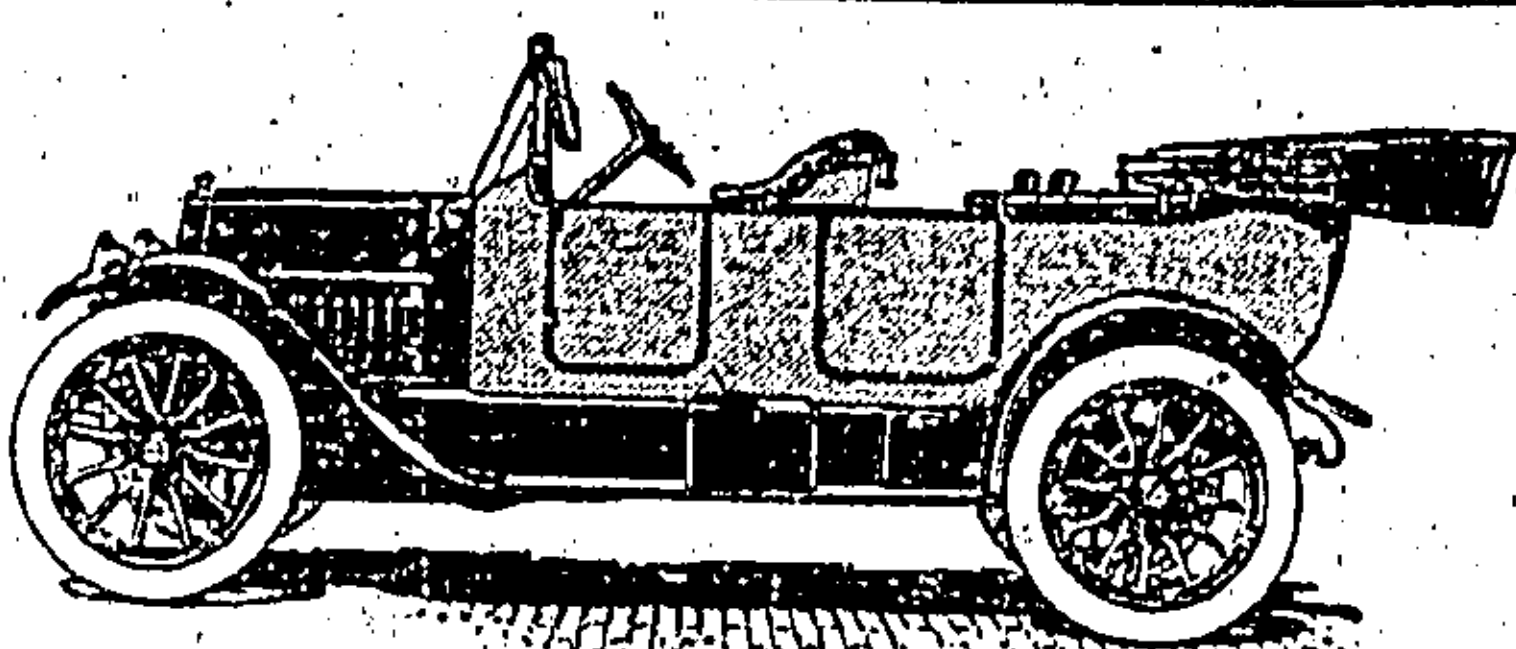
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To-day's Advertisements

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE FIRST GYMKHANA MEETING of the Season will be held at Happy Valley on Saturday, the 19th April 1913, commencing at 3-30 p.m.

The Charge of Admission will be \$1-00 for others than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club or Gymkhana Club.
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 19th April to the 3rd May, 1913, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Agents. Hongkong, 16th April 1913. [312]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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The above mentioned vessel having arrived Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of lading for counter-signature and take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

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Cargo remaining undelivered Wednesday the 16th inst., at 5 p.m. will be landed at consignees risk and expense.

Cargo remaining undelivered Monday April 21st, 1913, at 5 p.m. will, in addition to landing charge be subject to storage charge.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's godown. Rate day April 19th, 1913, at 10 a.m.

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All claims must be filed on or before May 15th 1913, otherwise they will not be recognized.

FRED J. HALTON, Agent. Hongkong, 16th April, 1913. [311]

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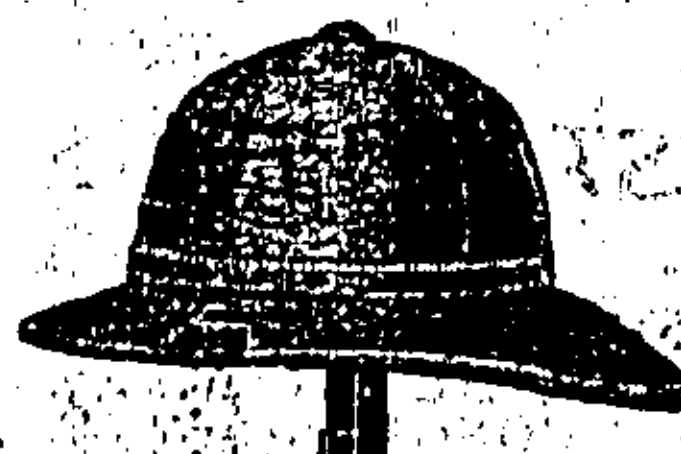
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YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOI FOOSHING Tuesday 22nd April, at daylight.

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do do	Arabia	H. A. L.	27 May
Havre, Hamburg & Bremen	Segovia	H. A. L.	19 June
Hamburg and Antwerp	Sicilia	H. A. L.	4 June
Havre, Hamburg & Antwerp, &c.	Senegambia	H. A. L.	25 April
Havre, Bremen & Hamburg, &c.	Liberia	H. A. L.	16 May
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do do do do	Kyo Maru	T. K. K.	5 August
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do	Chiyo Maru	T. K. K.	27 May
San Francisco, etc.	Nippon Maru	T. K. K.	17 June
do	Tenyo Maru	T. K. K.	24 June
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Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Buelow	M. & Co.	17 April, about
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do do	Furst Bulow	Do.	19 May
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do do	Dilwara	D. S. & Co.	18 April
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Kobe & Yokohama	N. Y. K.	N. Y. K.	24 April
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The Russian s.s. Baron Driesen left Nagasaki on the 12th inst., for this port, and is due to arrive here on the 17th inst.

The H. A. L. s.s. Spezia left Tsingtau on the 12th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 7th inst., a.m.

The I. O. S. N. s.s. Fooksang from Singapore is due at Hongkong on the 18th inst.

The I. O. S. N. s.s. Laisang from Yokohama is due at Hongkong on the 20th inst.

The I. O. S. N. s.s. Namsang from Calcutta is due at Hongkong via Kobe on the 22nd inst.

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The s.s. Glenturret left Singapore on the 12th inst., and is due here on the 18th inst., a.m.

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Devawongse, Br. s.s., 1,047, C. W. Shearer, 14th April—Saigon 10th April, Rice—Order.

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Landrat Scheff, Ger. s.s., 1,012, Struves, 15th April—Bangkok 5th April, Rice—S. & Co.

Lyeemoo, Ger. s.s., 1,238, Barth, 14th April—Saigon 10th April, Rice—H. A. L.

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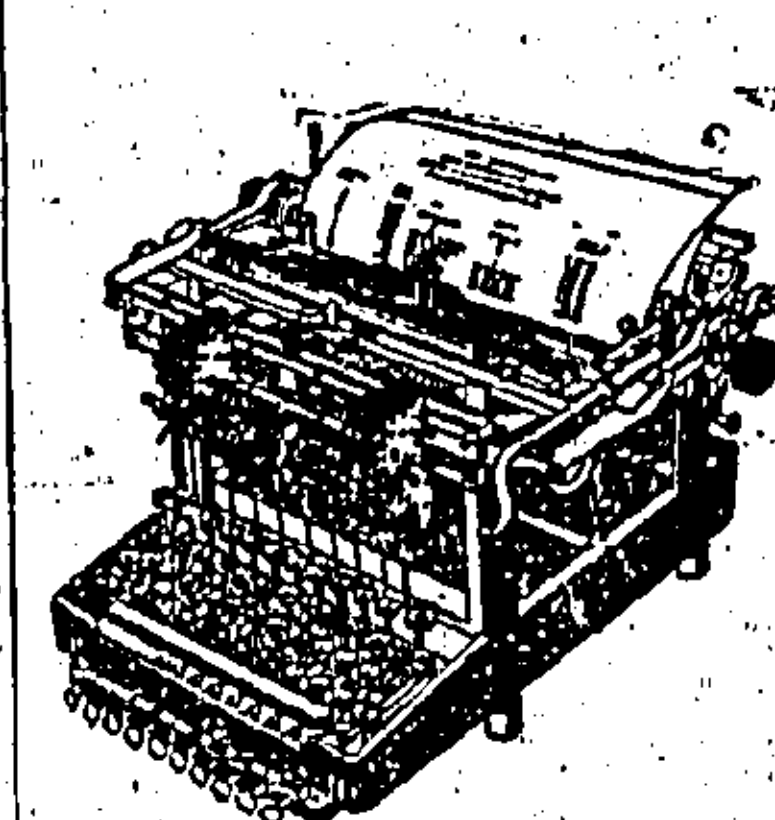
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THE BOOK WORLD.

MEXICO IN PEACE AND WAR.

The terrible history of last few weeks in the Mexican capital reminds us that the society of the Republic consists of strata belonging to different eras, and all visible at once. A modern and exotic system of trade and railroads, largely in foreign hands, overlies an upper class with the ideas and tastes of modern Spain; and below this there is a varied stratum of mixed breeds and Indians of sorts, from the gentle and courteous peon of the great estates and the drink-sold laborers of the cities to the fierce Yaquis of Sonora and such milder tribes as the Tarahumaris of the Chihuahua Sierras and some of the mountaineers of Oaxaca, who are still permitted to ignore the rule of the Republic. Nineteen per cent of the population is white, or passes as such; 43 per cent is Indian, and 38 per cent is admittedly cross-bred. The capital is at once cosmopolitan, Spanish, and Indian, with Spanish, German, and French retailers, English and American merchants and engineers, and two American papers. In the country there are powerful landowners—Spanish grandees in all but name, and even more grandiose than they in their wealth, millions in acres and cattle, patriarchal in their domestic usages, and subsisting side by side with colonists planted by American companies, with American mining enterprises, and even with settlements in the north of immigrant Mormons.

Here is matter for many books; and Mr. Winter's is one of the best and fullest of the many popular accounts, chiefly from American pens. In parts, notably in its history, it is rather sketchy; it is a revised edition, and the revision is incomplete; and the bibliography exhibits some strange omissions. But he has read up his subject carefully, and his descriptions and illustrations are admirable. He sketches the peonage of the great estates—mitigated by the existence of about 180 annual holidays—and the crueler contract labor of the coast plantations; and he brings his book up to date by an account of the family of the late President, of his philanthropic dreams and his insurance reaction, in which he notes that most of the immigrants—90 per cent, in one battle—were soldiers of fortune from the United States.

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COMMERCIAL.

Messrs Kadoorie and the Bute Plantations.

The Bute Plantations, Limited, are the latest company to be caught up by the wave of reconstruction which is sweeping over Shanghai, says the "China Press." In dealing with the accounts of this company in these columns for the year ended May 31st last, it was pointed out that money would eventually have to be borrowed for development purposes. At the annual meeting on October 10th last, the Chairman said, "It appears probable that the balance of available funds may not be quite sufficient to bring the estate to a self-supporting stage, and your directors have asked our Singapore agents for estimates of what money will be necessary. Your directors do not anticipate any difficulty in obtaining on favourable terms any further amount that may be necessary to bring the estate to a self-supporting basis." The total area of the estates is 3,620 acres, and the total acreage cleared and planted, as given with the 1911 figures, amounted to 1,883 acres; that is to say, just over half the total acreage had been cleared and planted. The available funds, as shown by last year's balance sheet, were about £16,500, and the report mentioned that, when it was decided to proceed with the clearing and planting of the rest of the estate, it would be necessary to raise more money. The agents in Singapore were asked for estimates of what funds would be necessary after the end of the current financial year to bring the estate to the full bearing stage, and they now state that approximately \$3,200,000 will be required, this amount including all necessary further buildings, factory, plant, etc. The shareholders of this company will, quite naturally, be very surprised to hear that such a large sum of money is necessary, for nothing was said at the last annual meeting which gave them the least indication that the finances of their company were in such a perilous condition. Indeed, from the remarks let fall by the Chairman, they would merely conclude that, when a few thousand dollars was required, the amount could be raised without any difficulty. The directors, themselves, appear to have had no idea that so much money would be required, and, in the circular sent out to shareholders, they state, "This amount of money is considerably more than the directors anticipated would be necessary." However, as the working capital of the company is exhausted, the question of the supply of further funds is a vital one, and must be decided at the earliest moment. The directors have considered three schemes for raising the money:—a. Mortgage of estate b. Issue of debentures c. Reconstruction. The chief objections to a mortgage are the impossibility of raising sufficient money, and the high rate of interest that would be demanded. As regards a debenture issue, it is doubtful if it would be taken up, and the underwriting would be an expensive matter, judging by the experience of other companies in a similar condition. The rate of interest would also be very high. The directors therefore consider that a scheme of reconstruction is the best method of raising the necessary funds. The proposition the directors have in view is similar to several that have recently taken place in Shanghai, whereby the company's capital is written down and the shareholders have the option of taking up further shares. The difference really lies in the fact that if the shareholders take up all the shares to which they are entitled, there will be none left for the underwriters. The scheme of reconstruction is as follows. A new company will be formed, with the same name as the existing company, with a capital of £1,300,000. The objects of the new company will be the same as those of the existing company; the new company will undertake all the debts and liabilities of the present company. Every member of the old company is to receive for every share held by him two fully-paid shares in the new company, and is also entitled to apply for an allotment of four shares in the new company in respect of 492 7s. 6d. net.

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WATCH THIS GROW.

REMARKABLE CASE.

Alleged Theft of Copy Letters by A Clerk.

At the Police Court, this afternoon before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, A. F. Dos Remedios was charged on remand with the larceny of press copy business letters and a private telegraphic code, the property of Henry Cruz of H. Cruz and Company.

Mr. G. C. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. L. D. Almada e Castro, prosecuted and Mr. F. C. Jenkins, instructed by Mr. Crews, of Messrs Hastings and Hastings, defended.

Detective William Knight stated that he executed a search warrant on March 18th at the defendant's room in the Grand Carlton Hotel. The room was pointed out to him and he there found the defendant. He also found the telegraphic code and some copy letters and what appeared to be extracts from letters in a box underneath the bed. He also found further copy letters in an envelope in the left hand drawer of a chest of drawers and a copy letter in the right hand drawer. The only remark the defendant made was they were in his handwriting.

Mr. Jenkins:—And he assisted you to find them didn't he?—That is so.

And would you think that any of these finds of yours answer the description of press-copy letters?—Well, the letters are produced.

No, no! Would you think any of these things you found answer the description of press-copy business letters?—They may do.

You don't know; you are not a business man?—No.

If your Worship will permit I would like to ask that Mr. Cruz, private prosecutor in this case, kindly step out of Court until I examine the next witness.

Mr. Alabaster:—It is unusual. He has a right to be here.

His Worship:—If Mr. Alabaster has no objection Yes; but have I the power to order him if he is the prosecutor? The complainant surely has a right here. I have not looked up the point. Cannot he insist upon the point of being in Court the whole time?

Mr. Jenkins:—It so happens the private prosecutor is an important witness and it is in the discretion of the Court to order an important witness out of Court.

His Worship:—Yes, but does that apply to a prosecutor?

Mr. Jenkins:—If he supports a prosecution by paying the expenses it does not exclude him. My friend has no objection. (laughter.)

Mr. Alabaster:—If my friend is putting it as a right I won't waive it, but if he puts it as a favour it is different; he goes out at my request.

Mr. Jenkins:—I don't mind so long as he goes out, your Worship. (loud laughter.)

Lady Scott at Colombo.

The arrival at Colombo on March 26 of the P. and O. mail steamer Medina was invested with more than usual interest owing to the fact that Lady Scott, widow of the Antarctic hero, was a passenger on board. Lady Scott is returning to England, accompanied by her brother, Mr. W. Bruce, who also formed one of the Scott expedition party.

Lower "High Cost of Dying."

To decrease the "high cost of dying," the board of managers of St. Xavier's Church, Cincinnati, one of the largest Catholic parishes in southern Ohio, has announced that in the future no funerals to which flowers are permitted to be sent will be allowed in the church. The parish, at its own expense, will issue memorial cards to friends of the deceased, announcing the death, and a brief biography of the deceased. One of the managers stated that it was the beginning of a nation-wide movement that has been started in the last month.

NORTHERN NEWS.

Shanghai.

A Chinese sauce factory in Sioowai Road was raided by armed burglars last week. One of the employees was wounded. The thieves, numbering about sixty, made a haul of \$200 and discharged their rifles as they went away. The French police are said to have made several arrests.

Mr. W. P. Ker, Commercial Attache to His Majesty's Legation at Peking, has arrived in Shanghai, and was in attendance at the Palace Hotel every afternoon last week from two till four, for the purpose of seeing any British merchants who might desire to confer with him.

The Sang Murder trial reached the end of its first stage last Wednesday when the case for the prosecution ended and the defence began. The case was heard before Mr. Kuan, Mr. C. F. Garstin acting as assessor. A Chinese witness said that Lang, the accused man, had said that the "business was a public affair." Lang himself, on being placed in the witness box, said he had lived in Shanghai all his life, though a native of Ningpo. Before entering Government service he did not live in Shanghai. He was now chief of the Intelligence Department for Kiangsu; before that he had been attached to the Commissariat at Ningbo and had been secretary of Sun Yat-sen's department. The only society of which he was a member was the Kuanghsinghui which was started to enrol disarmed soldiers. The various provinces had elected him chief of this society. It contained a hundred million members. The case was finished yesterday, as reported in our wire.

Hankow. Hankow exporters are somewhat anxious on the account of the famine in Honan. The Chinese Government has notified foreign Ministers that it will exercise the right (conferred by the Commercial Treaty of 1902) to prohibit rice and grain exportation from the famine-stricken Province. It has been decided that pulse does not come under the treaty, but there seems to be some doubt about muskmelon seed, which comes in large quantities from Honan to Hankow.

A mysterious epidemic is raging among the ponies of Hankow, and recently, eighteen animals have died of the disease. The race ponies that have perished are all veterans, the griffins having escaped. The veterinary surgeons can offer no explanation, though one of them attributes the trouble to the feeding.

No settlement appears to have been reached as regards the proposed tea monopoly in Honan, although the tea guild in Hankow and Shanghai have added their protests to those of the foreign merchants. Under persuasion from the foreign Ministers in Peking, the Minister of Agriculture has telegraphed a remonstrance to the Honan government, and further developments are looked for.

Peking.

We learn that Yung Shen, a Manchou from Kirin and a member of the Tsungshenghui Society, has been arrested at Peking on a charge of agitating on behalf of the Imperialists. He has been secretary to the Tutuh of Heilungkiang and was in Peking to take part in the opening ceremonies of the Parliament. The arrest was ordered by Chang Hsi-luan, Tutuh of Fengtien.

A well-known member of the new Parliament has told Reuters' correspondent that he is firmly convinced that Yuan's desire for the success of the Republic is genuine, and is above all suspicion of personal ambitions. He deplored the exaggerated rumours as to the President's Machiavellian tendencies and policy. He believed that a Kuomintang Cabinet would be chosen, which would give Parliament full control and yet not rob the President of any of the honour due to him, and, further, that Yuan would be

satisfied with that. He considered that the Houses were composed of able and earnest men who would weigh all measures carefully and would not entirely in the interests of China.

The principal talk in Japan is of the terrible aviation accident, reported in our wire a fortnight ago, wherein Lieutenants Kimura and Tokuda met their death. It appears that a Blériot machine, manned by Lieutenants Kimura and Sakamoto, arrived on the Aoyama Parade Ground after travelling from Tokorozawa, a distance of over thirty miles, in less than half an hour. On the ground were several members of the Imperial family and other distinguished personages who had come to see an exhibition in aviation. Two other biplanes—one containing the unfortunate Lieut. Tokuda—soon followed, and all the machines flew round the ground several times, to the delight of the beholders. After this, came a Paraisol air-ship which, when it had circled round the ground twice, was seen to be making danger signals, and, the next moment, the machine dashed against one of the poles of the electric tramway. When it was brought to a stand the propellers were found to be entirely knocked out of shape though, by good fortune, none of the occupants of the ship were injured. A little later the three biplanes left again for Tokorozawa, one of them manned by Lieutenants Kimura and Tokuda. When this one had travelled less than a couple of miles it collapsed suddenly, falling from a height of about a quarter of a mile. The machine and the aviators were shattered beyond all recognition. Later, an expert gave it as his opinion that the fall was due to the breaking of a stay, followed by the collapse of the left wing.

Prince Katsura's new party, the "Hikken Doshikai," is making an appeal to the country for support. The campaign began with a mass meeting at Fukushima. Various members of the party will tour through Kyushu in connection with the campaign, and it is thought that the Prince himself will take an active part. About a dozen houses were destroyed at Renpei cho, Kumamoto, on March 30. The financial loss was estimated at Yen 40,000. An extensive forest fire occurred at Kachi, Tsushima Island, two days before, entailing considerable financial loss and, on the same day, a hundred houses were destroyed by fire at Fukushima, Kiso, Central Japan.

Public Schools and the Bona Race. It is interesting to say a contemporary, to note how the public schools were represented in the Oxford and Cambridge crews this year. Eton claimed eight men, Bedford and Winchester had two apiece, Rugby, Blundell, and Uppingham each one, Eastbourne and Ipswich divide one, and the two others came from New South Wales and Melbourne University.

Cocanuts in Siam. A Bangkok paper says there are pleasing records of progress and promise from the cocconut plantations in which Bangkok is mostly interested, and in this connection it is interesting to hear that it is proposed to extend the Rajah Usa estates by taking up about 500 acres more, which will make the total area 1,500 acres. The proposal has been approved at an extraordinary general meeting.

London to Berlin by Telephone. The postal authorities who had charge of the experiments in communicating by telephone between London and Berlin and other German towns report that the Cologne telephonist plainly heard London, but the connection with Berlin was not so satisfactory. With the other cities it was very good. The authorities are still unable to predict when regular telephonic communication between London and Berlin will be possible. There are still technical difficulties in the way.

CASE TO BE REVIEWED.

Interesting Sequel to an Old Deal.

This afternoon in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Kemp Paine Judge, there was a sequel to the action in W. R. Loxley and Co., Charter Road, brought against Nam Mo, 154 Connaught Road, claiming the sum of \$1,000 alleged to be damages for breach of contract dated July 4, 1912, whereby the defendants agreed to sell 825 piculs of wood oil to be filled by the defendants into drums provided by the plaintiff and shipped by the defendant f.o.b in Hongkong, within the months of August and September. The date of delivery was subsequently extended to November 1. It was alleged that the defendant failed to give delivery.

Mr. Dennis Junr, of Messrs. Dennis and Bowley, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, for the defence.

The Paine Judge said that he had had Mr. Potter and Mr. Jenkins to see him the day after he gave the decision in this case, and he did not know whether they had told Mr. Davidson of what had transpired. However, he intended to review the decision which he gave then, and the case would be taken up on any date that they could continue.

Mr. Davidson:—Do you propose to take further argument on the point?

His Lordship:—What happened was this. I was anxious in view of Mr. Potter's departure to decide the case without any delay and for that reason I only gave myself till after the tiffin adjournment to decide. I was unable to read all the evidence in that time and I had to act on my recollection. I found out afterwards when I came to write my judgment that my recollection was at fault.

Continuing, his Lordship said that his recollection coincided with that of Mr. Potter on the point, but when he came to write the judgment and to read the evidence he found that his recollection was incorrect on a very material point and he did not think it was possible to contend that there was no case to answer.

Consequently it was arranged that Thursday next week should be set aside for going on with the case.

THE PHILIPPINES QUESTION.

Warm Words in the House of Representatives.

Division that exists within democratic ranks over granting independence to the Philippines was emphasized in the House at Washington recently when American administration in the islands was made the subject of a severe attack by Representative W. A. Jones of Virginia, chairman of the House committee on insular affairs. Mr. Jones's suggestions for Philippine independence, which have been considered favourably by President Wilson, were opposed by Representative Sherley, democrat, of Kentucky, while criticisms of President Taft and Governor-General Forbes brought a sharp reply from Representative Murray, democrat, of Massachusetts. The speech by Mr. Jones was both a demand for independence and a severe arraignment of American administration in the islands.

Representative Murray charged him with having "slandered Cameron Forbes" and "defamed President Taft." Mr. Jones denied these charges, but insisted that the administration of affairs in the islands had violated at least the spirit of the laws governing the Philippines. The fight that ensued over Representative Jones's speech brought out the fact that an investigation of Philippine affairs had recently been discussed by the House committee on insular affairs, but no action

taken. Representative Murray, a member of the committee, declared that had he known Chairman Jones intended to make a speech "charging Governor Forbes with being a grafter" he would have insisted on having Governor Forbes brought before the committee, where he could reply to the attacks.

"I have not charged Governor Forbes with being a grafter," retorted Mr. Jones.

"You have been unutterably unjust to him in the speech you have made," said Mr. Murray. Mr. Murray further declared many members of the insular committee "were wondering if it is wise to commit ourselves and the party" to the support of the Jones bill, which would give the Philippines independence in eight years. He declared the United States should not withdraw from the Philippines until it had made treaties of neutrality with other nations, so that Japan could not seize the islands.

Mr. Jones spoke in reply to a speech by Ex-President Taft at the Ohio society dinner at New York, in which the President was quoted as saying that the passage of the Jones bill would result in a "mess and a fuss," and that the United States should treat the Philippines as Great Britain treats Canada and Australia. Mr. Jones asserted that government of the Philippines was not comparable in any way to those of Canada and Australia. "I shall undertake to prove," he said, "that the government which the United States has imposed upon the Philippines and under the dominance of which they are forced to live is oligarchy of the most intolerable, despotic and unrestricted character."

Twice the Legislature had failed to pass supply bills, Mr. Jones said, because the lower branch had insisted upon reducing the salaries of members of the Philippine commission and because the commission insisted upon the right to appropriate large sums for the Benguet road, a highway built at a cost of several million dollars, through a mountain gorge to a resort called Baguio, to which the government is transferred from Manila several months each year. There, he continued, American officials had handsome homes, club houses, polo grounds and other sources of amusement and recreation. He charged that when the supply bills failed, the Governor-general ordered the appropriation of sums equal to the total appropriations for the previous years.

Baguio and Benguet roads were liberally provided for, said Mr. Jones: "new offices were created and the salaries of existing offices increased." In that action, he declared, Governor-General Forbes acted without the advice of the solicitor-general and attorney-general of the islands, and over the protest of Charles B. Elliot, a former member of the commission, "Nothing that our government has done in the Philippines," he added, "has aroused more feeling and created more resentment on the part of the helpless Filipinos. It has shaken, if not destroyed, the confidence of the Filipino people in the American sense of justice and fair dealing and removed every vestige of sentiment which may have existed in favour of American annexation."

Mr. Jones said what naval and military operations on account of the Philippines had cost the United States probably never would be known, but that \$600,000,000, the estimate of the late Senator Hear, probably was nearest correct than recent official estimates.

The opposing view of a portion of the democrats of the House was voiced by Representative Sherley of Kentucky, who declared the Filipino people were not ready for independence and he did not believe Congress could set any date in the future when they would be. He declared that if the charges made by Representative Jones were true, officers of the American and Philippine governments should be dealt with for violations of the trust reposed in them.

ENGINEERING NOTES.

Studying Foreign Conditions.

Those who, having studied foreign practice at first hand, venture to publish their views, commonly find that criticism of their opinions falls about equally into two classes. Either it is alleged that the traveller is unable to see anything good in foreign enterprise and practice, or it is said that he is a friend of every country other than his own. These comments are suggested by some criticisms levelled at an American electrical engineer who has been studying European electric traction, and who seems to have judged everything by American standards. Such a narrow view, whether it leads the traveller to favourable or unfavourable comment, has its legitimate uses; and in business life such comparisons have often to be adopted, but the results are of very little public value. The public, even the engineering public, is but little better off for being told, say, that the British double-decked tramcar is inferior to the American single-decked car. What is interesting and important is a study of the conditions and theories under which the two types developed into national standards. It is quite possible that as a result of such an inquiry the traveller would conclude that each fitted its circumstances better than the other would if imported. But what ever the particular conclusion, an intelligent study of this kind would initiate more new ideas and do more good than an attempt to judge a foreign product by one's home standards.

Electrical Steel Production. According to the Comité des Forges de France the world's output of electric steel was about 47,000 tons in 1909, 120,000 tons in 1910, and 126,000 tons in 1911. These figures are made up from returns from Germany, Austria, the United States, France, and Sweden. England is not included, although a small quantity of electric steel is produced there being eight or ten electric furnaces at work in this country. Our output and that from other unclassified countries is comparatively small, but would probably add several thousand tons to the above totals. Germany is the largest producer of electrically smelted or refined steel, her output for 1911 being 59,000 tons. Sweden, although frequently mentioned for its work in this line, produced a bare 2,000 tons in the same year, and only about 500 tons in preceding years. According to the tables, the United States produced 51,000 tons in 1910, but only 28,500 tons in 1911. This drop is surprising, especially as the number of electric furnaces increased from seven in 1910 to nine in 1911. Austria and France, the latter with 13,500 tons and the former with 22,400 tons, also made very little progress in 1911, but no doubt when the figures for 1912 are available they will show large advances all round. It appears probable that the world's output for 1912 was not far short of 200,000 tons. This is only a very small proportion of the world's total steel production, but it is sufficient to prove that for some conditions the electric furnace is a live commercial instrument.

Mr. Alexander McConachie. The Home Press announces the death of Mr. Alexander McConachie which took place on 18th ult. at Mar Gate, Stirling, Scotland. Mr. McConachie was formerly a member of the China firm of Gilman and Co. and has at different times been Chairman of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and Chairman of the China Fire Insurance Company, whilst his public services included membership of the Legislative Council of Hongkong. The funeral took place on 20th ult. at Stirling Cemetery, amidst many tokens of regret and esteem.

"WESTWARD HO!"

Mr Matheson Lang's Production.

Mr. Matheson Lang, whose company achieved such popularity in Hongkong last year wrote us, a week or so ago, that he was producing Kingsley's "Westward Ho!" at the Palladium in London. The following, from the "Daily Telegraph" may therefore interest our readers.

"Westward Ho!" Aladdin's passport never had more potency. The very words throw open for us the brave, hearty, "spacious" time of good Queen Bess and the sea-knights who served her; a world of doubt, and hope, and naked swords; of brave words and braver deeds; a time when men "swore" they loved nothing better than a good ship, a good weapon, a long drink, and as often as not, a fair maid.

It is of this stuff, that the new romantic drama, founded upon Kingsley's famous story is made, in which Mr. Matheson Lang and Miss Hutin Bilton elected to make their bow at the Palladium on their welcome return to England. Of no better material can romance and romantic drama be made, and the very cordial reception which was given to the popular actor and his wife, and also the authoress, Miss Peggy Webbing, at the fall of the curtain on the last tableau—there were three—must have been extremely gratifying to all three. To many people the plot of Kingsley's "Westward Ho!" may be but a faded, youthful memory. One dimly recalls that it deals with one Amyas Leigh and a band of young adventurers who take themselves off to the Spanish Main in quest of a kidnapped heroine, and that there were many thrilling adventures, in which some of the party suffered at the hands of the Inquisition. Despite the obliteration of detail, however, there remains the recollection of the noble framework—the sense of strenuous romance, chivalrous scenes, and the fearless department, outspoken speech, and high ideals of men who were the companions of Raleigh, Drake, Hawkins, and Grenville.

It is in this preservation of something of the national ideal of Englishmen of all ages since the dawn of Empire that the fame of "Westward Ho!" lies, and it is because much of the same inspiring effect produced by the novel is found in Mr. Matheson Lang's new dramatic venture that it may not be rash to predict a big success for it. No one will deny the playwriting wisdom of the authoress in making the ending happy, but the three tableaux with which this result is brought about, showing, first, the fight between the Return and the Madre Dolorosa, then the scene at night on deck after battle, and, finally, the morning after, with Amyas Leigh in the arms of his Ayacnora, and Frankie Leigh comfortably recovering with the Rose of Torrington at his side, struck one as poor dramatic construction.

Of the acting it is sufficient to say that Mr. Matheson Lang as Amyas was seen and heard at his best. Miss Britton has played stronger parts, but her Ayacnora was both pretty and pathetic. There is a large cast, all the individual members of which it is impossible to single out for praise. The piece will be played for the present at matinees only.

Romance of Chinese Vase. The romance of the famous Chinese vase which Mr. J. E. Thomas bought at a furniture sale recently for \$2,047 10, is thought by Mr. Thomas to be still incomplete, and he has therefore advertised for the companion vase which he feels certain exists. He offers to pay \$3,000 for it. The vase was the property of Princess Tonsou, of New Orleans, Cumberland, who was unaware of its value until it had passed out of her possession. She says it was presented by the Emperor of China to Sui Pao to commemorate the ousting of the Suez Canal. It is 52 in. high and weighs nearly 70 lb.

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of every share held by him in the old company, such four shares to be paid for in full at the time of claiming such allotment. In other words, for every share of the face value of Tls. 10, shareholders will receive two shares each of Tls. 1, which, as 50,000 shares were issued in the old company, will make up Tls. 100,000 of the capital of the new company. If the shareholders—or the people who buy the options from them, if they are unable or unwilling to take up the shares to which they are entitled—take up the four additional shares at Tls. 1 each, they would thus provide the balance of the capital—Tls. 200,000. Any shares which existing shareholders will be entitled to apply for, but have not been applied for as above, will be taken up at par by that firm of financiers whose name is now so familiar in connection with similar schemes—Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co., as the money is required. No commission or remuneration will be charged for this underwriting, and, in fact, Messrs. Kadoorie & Co. will be charged with interest at 6 per cent. Proper security for the fulfilment of these obligations will be deposited by the underwriters. Mr. E. S. Kadoorie will join the Board of the new company. The following is an extract from the letter addressed to shareholders of the Bute Plantations, Limited, under date April 2nd:—"The heavy writing down of the existing capital appears very drastic treatment, but it must be pointed out that as the Underwriters of the new issue receive no commission for their services, the Company must be put on a very safe financial basis as an inducement to underwriters to give such a guarantee. If the existing shareholders take up all their shares the underwriters receive no shares and therefore get no remuneration whatever for the risk they incur in making the underwriting guarantee. The New Company's financial position will be an exceedingly sound one, it will have Tls. 200,000 in cash or at call which will be ample for the development of our Estate until the mining stage is reached and the erection of all necessary buildings, factory, etc. We enclose herewith a rough sketch plan of the Eastern part of the Estate showing the present connected areas which amount to 788 acres, and a further acreage will be proceeded with immediately bringing the total up to 1,000 acres of rubber, all of which will be connected and within reasonable distance of our lead-works for manufacture. The Company have a large area of further excellent land for any extensions that may be found possible later on. As regards our outlying interplanted areas, viz., 174 acres, the Directors have decided to spend no more money on these areas at present. No extensions that the Company could undertake will connect them with existing connected areas and they are so far from headquarters that it seems doubtful if tapping them would be profitable. We hope when the trees have reached the tapping stage to be able to let out the tapping on contract, purchasing any later tapping being done under our supervision. The present low prices of Gambier and Pepper makes it difficult to keep up this industry, but we are doing our best to induce the contributors to continue and an income from this source should continue for two or three years even if prices do not improve. The latest report of our Visiting Agent states that good progress has been made, our rubber shows good growth and the areas are in good order. The present income of the Company from Rubber, Gambier and Pepper in addition to any interest earned on our new Working Capital will enable the Company to pay and maintain a dividend from its commencement. The heavy writing down of our existing capital obviates the necessity of further large depreciation on our old buildings, etc., thus leaving any income available for dividends." "If the shareholders are satisfied that reconstruction is the only way out of the difficulty, there is no doubt that they will 'take the bull by the

horns," and pass the resolutions which will be brought forward at the meeting. The shareholders, however, would certainly not be unjustified in considering that such a drastic and important change as the one now proposed should in a measure, have "cast its shadow before it."

DEVELOPMENT OF COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHY.

Such progress has been made in the autochrome plate that a month or so ago New York art lovers were treated to a lecture in the galleries of the Louvre, Versailles and the Luxembourg, illustrated with projected photographs in the natural colours. The autochrome, it should be remembered, is genuine colour photography, not colour illusion, as in the case of the kinemacolor motion pictures, the remarkable effects of the latter being produced by whirling screens throwing a flash of colour here and another there with such rapidity that the eye cannot mark the transitions. It was not asserted for the pictures shown in New York that that colouring was perfect. But there is no longer any doubt that something very close to perfection will soon be achieved. Some colours still reach the plates better than others, and it was found in projecting these photographs that, in no respect, they were at times actually an improvement on the original paintings, in that the projection of the pictures resulted in an added life and vitality to the figures—a circumstance due to the relief in which the projected light cast them. It was stated at this lecture that it would not be long now, with all the men who are experimenting to bring it about, before it will be possible to print successfully from three plates, preserving the natural colour on paper just as it is now reserved on the negatives. When this is accomplished there will be something more than the realizing of the photographer's long-cherished dream. If the single-toned print has done a great service in making art works familiar to persons who may never hope to visit the great galleries of the world, how immeasurable the power for culture in these colour-photos that will show the painting as it really is, especially as concerns those masters whose supreme art in colouring was their chief glory. Pictures of travel, too, will have new interest and educative power. Family photographs, humble as such development may seem to those interested chiefly in art photography, will have a new familiarity; "the speaking likeness" will be well nigh a reality. There will be something of a realization in them of the Master-idea that "there are no dead"; at least his land of memory will be a little more real for these photographs that the colour of the hair and eyes are exact likenesses of those that have gone before.—Exchange.

Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club will be held at the Club House at Happy Valley on the 16th day of April at 5.30 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of altering the Articles of Association of the Club as per the Circular posted to Members and as exhibited on the board at the Club House at Happy Valley. By Order,
K. M. CUMMING,
Hon. Secretary.

LESSONS IN CHINESE.

MR. LI HON FAN, a Chinese graduate versed in literature and a teacher to European officials and merchants in this Colony for over ten years. He has a good method of teaching Europeans to pass in the Chinese examination, and is possessed of a first rate certificate as a Chinese teacher. He has also a good knowledge of Mandarin and Hakka. Those who intend learning the Chinese language are requested to write to a "Hong Kong Telegraph" office or direct to 37, Hollywood Road, 1st floor. Hong Kong, 16th April, 1913.

Entertainments

BOXING!

To be held at the CITY HALL
Saturday, 19th April, 1913
at 9 p.m. sharp.

For the Featherweight Championship of the Orient.
Main Event, 15 Rounds.
IRON BUX (Hongkong)
(Champion of the Orient)

Corpl. COOK (D. C. L. I.)
(Ex Champion of S. Africa and Bermuda).
10 Rounds
Heavyweight Contest.
Corpl. SCOTT (R. E.)

STOKER ALFORD,
(H.M.S. Hampshire).
10 Rounds
Lightweight Contest.
Seaman PLACE (H.M.S. Flora)

Seaman KNIGHT
(H.M.S. Hampshire).
6 Rounds Contest
Private HUMPHREYS (D.C.L.I.)

Sapper RICHARDS (R. E.)
6 Round Contest
Gunner EVANS (R.G.A.)

Gunner BURT (R.G.A.)
Ringside \$5.00 Stalls \$3.00
Others \$2. & \$1. Soldiers and Sailors \$1.00 in uniform to the \$2.00 Seats.

Booking at MOUTRIE & CO.
F. E. HALL, Promoter.

BIJOU.

9.15 PROGRAMME. 9.15

HIS LORDSHIP'S LITTLE LAPSE
(A rattling Two-Roll Comic by Prince)

The Stirling Troupe of Acrobats
A Xmas Problem (Coloured Art)

NEWS OF THE DAY
(Pathe Gazette and Gaumont Graphic).

Miss CECILE STEPHANO
(a) "The Garden of Love"
(b) "We'd better Bide a Wee"

Miss VIOLET BONETTA
(a) "Call me up Some Rainy Afternoon"
(b) "Hands up!"

7.15 PICTURES ONLY 7.15

VICTORIA THEATRE.
FRIDAY, 18th

The Grand Dramatic Film
"In the Brink of the Abyss."
New Comic Picture by
MAX LINDER

"Max and the Bear skin."
Watch Hand Bills for the Two
New Dramatic Pictures
5000 ft. long.
"SAPHO."

and
"The WOMAN IN STONE"
Les Miserables Expected Daily.

Notices

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

CAMBRIDGE MANUALS,
80 cents each.
Brewing, A. Chaston Chapman.
The Individual in the animal Kingdom, Julia S. Huxley.
The Psychology of Insanity, Bernard Hart.
The Work of Rain & Rivers, T. G. Bonney.

House Flies & How they spread Disease, O. G. Hewitt.
The Origin of Earthquakes, O. Davison.
Early Religious Poetry of the Hebrews, E. G. K. G.
Brasses, J. S. M. Ward.
The English Puritans, John Brown.

The Natural History of Coal, E. A. N. Arber.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.
NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the above Club will be held on SATURDAY, the 19th April 1913, at 12.30 p.m., at the Offices of the Hongkong Jockey Club, on the Ground Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road.

By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1913, [27]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LIMITED.

I have THIS DAY resumed MANAGEMENT of the COMPANY.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. STELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1913, [28]

Banks

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

Head Office—60, Wall Street, New York.
London Office—10, Bishopsgate, E.C.

BRANCHES:—
Bombay, Calcutta, Cebu, Hankow, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Mexico, Panama, Peking, San Francisco, Shanghai, Yokohama.

Capital and Reserve—\$70,000,000 (Gold).
EVERY DESCRIPTION OF BANKING BUSINESS transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on the basis of deposits, and for shorter periods. Advances may be secured on application.

LETTERS OF CREDIT AND DRAFTS granted on all the principal cities in the world. THE BANK'S CIRCULAR LETTERS OF CREDIT are available all over the world.

COMMERCIAL LETTERS OF CREDIT issued. FITZGERALD and SALE of Stocks and Shares effected.

TRAVELLERS CHECKS sold and cashed. GEORGE ROOD, Manager.

9, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 1st Nov., 1912

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.
Authorized Capital Yen 48,000,000
Paid-up Capital " 30,000,000
Reserve Fund " 18,200,000

Head Office.—YOKOHAMA.

Branches:—
Antung-Hsien, Nagasaki, Bombay, Newchwang, Calcutta, New York, Changchun, Osaka, Dairen, Peking, Fengtien, Ryojun Port, Harbin, (Arthur), Hankow, San Francisco, Honolulu, Shanghai, Kobe, Tientsin, Liao-Yang, Tokyo, London, Lyons, Los Angeles.

Interest Allowed on Current Account.

Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

EISHI ONO, Manager.

Hongkong, 31st Mar., 1913. [18]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.

HEAD OFFICE.—LONDON.

Paid-up Capital—£1,200,000
Reserve Fund—£1,700,000
Proprietors—£1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. S. HEWETT, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1912. [22]

Notices

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

(Capital Paid up—£1,250,000.)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property, &c.

Goods received on Storage. Advances made on Merchandise. Loans made on the Provident System.

(Rates and Particulars on application.)

The Office of TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c., Undertaken and Executed.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1908 [32]

THE FAMINE IN CHINA.

EIGHT FAMINE DISTRICTS with an area of 80,000 square miles. TWO and a half million people facing starvation.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO-DAY.

IT WILL HELP TO SAVE LIFE.

Treasurer, H. C. GULLAND, Esq., Manager, International Banking Co., Corporation, Shanghai.

Shanghai, 28th January 1912. [27]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT

In Casks of 375 lbs. net. In Bags of 250 lbs. net.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th August, 1901. [3]

If you happen to be late your meals will be courteously & promptly served just the same. Only at The ALEXANDRA CAFE.

Banks

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital—\$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS:
Sterling—£1,500,000 at 2/—
\$15,000,000
Silver—7,000,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors—\$15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross—Chairman
S. H. Dodwell, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.

G. Friesland, Esq.
C. S. Gubbay, Esq.
P. H. Holyoak, Esq.
G. R. Laurence, Esq.
F. Lieb, Esq.

W. L. Pattenden, Esq.
J. A. Plummer, Esq.
Hon. Mr. E. S. Kadoorie.
H. A. Siebs, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—N. J. Stabb.
MANAGER:
Shanghai—A. G. Stephen.

London Bankers—London County and Westminster Limited.

Hongkong—Interest Allowed.

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 3½ per cent. per annum.

For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3 Per Cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 Per Cent. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

Capital Fully Paid-up—Sh. Tael 7,500,000

Head Office.—Shanghai.

Board of Directors—Berlin.

Branches:—
Berlin, Calcutta, Canton, Hamburg, Hankow, Kobe, Peking, Singapore, Tientsin, Tsingtau, Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS:
Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons.

The Union of London and Smith's Bank, Limited.

Deutsche Bank (Berlin), London Agency.

Direction der Disconto Gesellschaft.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account. DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

R. TIMMERSCHIEDT, Manager.

Hongkong, 9th Oct., 1911. [2]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital—£1,500,000
Subscribed " 1,125,000
Paid Up " 562,000
Reserve Fund " 415,000

HEAD OFFICE:
40, Threadneedle Street, London, E.C.

BRANCHES:
Bombay, Calcutta, Cebu, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Mexico, Panama, Peking, San Francisco, Shanghai, Yokohama.

AGENTS IN JAPAN:
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

BANKERS:
Bank of England, London Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.

EVERY description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Stocks and Shares bought and sold on account of Constituents. Letters of Credit granted on Agents and Correspondents all over the world.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

F. C. MACDONALD, Manager.

Exchange

Selling.	Buying.
T/T Demand.....1/11 1/16	4 m/s. L/C.....2/1-1/2
30 d/s.....1/11 1/16	4 m/s. D/P.....2/1-1/2
60 d/s.....1/11 1/16	m/s. L/C.....2/1-1/2
4 m/s.....1/11 1/16	30 d/s. Sney & Melbourne.....2/1-1/2
T/T Shanghai.....73 1/2	30 d/s. San Foo & New York.....48 1/2
T/T Singapore.....84 1/2	4 m/s. Marks.....207 1/2
T/T Japan.....97 1/2	4 m/s. France.....254 1/2
T/T India.....147	6 m/s. do.....256 1/2
Demand India.....147 1/2	Bar Silver ready.....27 1/2
Demand Manila.....97 1/2	forward.....27 1/2
T/T San Foo & New York.....47 1/2	Gold Leaf per tola.....50
T/T Java.....119	Bank of England rate.....5 1/2
T/T Marks.....201 1/2	Sovereign.....410
T/T Francs.....249	

Subsidiary Coins.
Discount per \$100

Chinese...20 cts. pieces...\$7 7/16
Chinese...10 " " \$7 1/16
Hongkong...20 " " \$6 1/4
Hongkong...10 " " \$7 1/8

Opium Quotation.
Mar. 28.
Malwa, New.....\$3,000 per picul

Malwa, Old.....3,100 " "
Patna, New.....3,350 per picul
Patna, Old.....3,300 " "
Benares, New.....3,400 " "
Benares, Old.....3,250 " "

SHARE REPORT.

S-SELLERS	SA-SALE	B-BUYERS
Stocks & Paid of Value.	Closing	LAST DIVIDEND AND DATE.
BANKS.	QUOTES	
Hongkong & Shanghai \$125	\$805 s.	\$2 1/2 at ex 2-1/2 equal to \$21.71 for 14 year ending 31/12/12
MARINE INSURANCE.	281-1/2	\$18 for 1911
Cantons \$50	\$295 sa.	Interim of 10/- for 1911
North China \$25	\$136 b.	Final of \$20 making \$50 for 1909 and Interim of \$30 for 1911
Unions \$100	\$845 s.	\$12 for 1909 and Interim of \$3 on account of 1910
Yangtzes \$50	\$200 b.	\$10 for 1911
China Fires \$20	\$150 s.	\$27 for 1912
Hongkong Fires \$50	\$355 b.	\$1 for 1906
China & Manilla \$25	\$81 1/2 b.	5 p.c. for year ending 30/6/12
Douglas Steamship \$50	\$39 sa.	Dividend of \$1 for half year ending 31/12/12
Steamboats \$15	\$27 1/2 b.	6 p.c. for year 1910 on preferred shares
Indo-China (Preferred) \$25	\$96 s.	1/- per share Coupon No. 19
(Deferred)		
"Shell" Transports \$1	\$117/6 b.	15 p.c. for year ending 30.4.12
"Star Ferry" \$10	\$46 1/2 sa.	\$3 for 1913
REFINERIES.		\$3 for 1897
China Sugars \$100	\$110 sa.	1/6 per share final 1911 (Coupon No. 18)
Luzon Sugars \$100	\$38	7/6 per share on 150,000 1/2 for 1909
Chinese Engineerings \$1	\$213/6	\$4.50 for year 1912
TRADE.		\$1 final dividend for year 1912
Traohs \$1	\$79 b.	Tls. 3 for 1912
Roubs \$1	\$3.60 b.	Interim of Tls. 5 for 1912
Docks, Wharves, & Godowns \$50	\$78 sa.	Tls. 6 2/3 2/10
H.K. & W'poo Docks \$50	\$70 s.	\$3 on old shares, \$150 on new shares for half year 31/12/12
Shanghai Docks T. 100	T.63	Final div. of \$3 1/2 making \$7 for 1912
Hongkong Wharves T. 100	T.112	40 cents for 1912
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.		\$2.80 for 1912
Anglo French Lands T. 100	T.94	5 p.c. for half year 1912
Hongkong Hotels \$50	\$76 b.	Final of \$2.25 making \$4.25 for 1912
Humphreys Estates \$10	\$81/4 b.	15 per cent. for 1910
Kowloon Lands \$30	\$36 b.	Ts for year ended 31/10/10
Shanghai Lands T. 30	T.92 b.	T7 for year ended 20/12/10
West Points \$50	\$62 b.	50 cents \$1.708
Manila M'pole Hotel P. 10	P.8	85 cents for 1912
EWOS.		
Ewos T. 50	T.143	70 cents for 1912
Hongkong Cottons \$10	\$10 sa.	\$1.25 for year end 31/7/12
MISCELLANEOUS.		40 cents for 1911
China-Borneos \$10	\$9 b. ex div.	\$1.50 for 1910
Light and Powers \$12	\$3 b.	None
Do. (Spec. shares) \$1	\$3 b.	None
China Providents \$10	\$83 1/2 sa.	None
Dairy Farms \$5	\$25 1/2 sa.	None
Green Islands \$10	\$4 sa.	None
Hongkong Electrics \$10	\$32 1/2 b.	None
Hongkong Ices \$25	\$170 sa.	None
Hongkong Ropes \$10	\$19 1/2 b.	None
Langkats \$10	T.82 sa.	None
Morning Post \$25	\$22	None
Peak Tramway \$10	\$11 1/2 sa.	None

